

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

**Realisation of Excise Duty in
Maharashtra**

6082. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO
GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE
be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of excise duty realised
during 1990-91 and 1991-92 in Maharashtra;

(b) the targets fixed in this regard;

(c) the amount outstanding so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government
for its realisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI
RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) As per depart-
mental records, the revenue realised from
excise duty (exclusive of cesses not admin-
istered by the Department of Revenue) from
the collectorates falling in Maharashtra dur-
ing 1990-91 and April, 1991-February, 1992
are estimated to be Rs. 7205.56 crores and
Rs. 7106.11 crores respectively.

(b) State-wise targets are not fixed.

(c) and (d). In view of (b) above, do not
arise.

[English]

**Smuggling of Polyester Yarn at Indo-Pak
border**

6083. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA
RAJE :
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware
of the large scale smuggling of polyester yarn
across the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the
details thereof during the last two years, till
date; and

(c) the steps taken to curb such activi-
ties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI
RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Available in-
telligence and seizure reports do not indicate
large scale smuggling of polyester yarn across
the Indo-Pak border.

(b) The details of synthetic fibres and
yarns, including polyester yarn, seized across
Indo-Pak border are as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Value of synthetic fibres & yarn seized</i>
1990	Rs. 9 lakhs
1991	Rs. 23.66 lakhs
1992* (upto February)	Rs. 1,800/-

*Provisional

(c) Indo-Pak border continues to be
sensitive to smuggling. In order to combat
such smuggling, anti-smuggling drive has
been intensified and the Customs presence
has been intensified and the Customs pres-
ence has been reinforced recently by the
creation of two Sub-Collectorates exclusively
for anti-smuggling work with Headquarters
at Amritsar and Jodhpur in the Punjab and
Rajasthan sectors respectively. More than
60% of the border in the Punjab sector has
been fenced with barbed wire and charged
with high voltage electric current in order to
restrict any border crossing. During the night

and odd hours, curfew is being imposed in the border areas of Punjab with Pakistan whenever felt necessary. Close co-ordination is also being maintained between all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling such Border Security Force, Customs and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

Tea Plantations in Dehradun

6084. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the production of tea in Dehradun has adversely been affected due to various factors;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to preserve these tea gardens;

(c) whether the Government are also aware of the suitability of the ladder shaped fields in Garhwal region for production and development of tea plantation; and

(d) if so, the measures Government have taken or propose to take to promote tea plantation in that region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to a 'Techno-Economic Survey' of the Doon Valley tea industry undertaken by the Tea Board in 1989, the factors contributing to decline in tea production in Dehradun include Conversion of tea area into residential plots, lack of interest for development by tea garden owners, acquisition/requisition of land by various authorities, fragmentation of holdings change of weather conditions owing to massive deforestation and lack of irrigation facilities.

(b) According to the surveys carried out in the past the scope of extending tea plantations in Doon Valley is limited. Emphasis, is, however, being given for replantation and rejuvenation of low yielding tea areas in the existing tea estates. Tea Board has set up a tea nursery in one of the working tea estates in Dehradun.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Crisis in Spinning Mills in Orissa

6085. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of the spinning mills in Orissa are facing crises and some of them are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make them viable; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Government have taken a number of measures to revive the mills such as creation of a Nodal Agency/Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction to evolve and manage Rehabilitation package for viable mills, setting up of Textile Modernisation Fund to meet the modernisation requirements of the textile mills.